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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS BLOT SYAS PRELIMINARY BUT INCOMPLETE MALTESE REACTIONS TO FRENCH APPROACH ARE NOT VERY ENCOURAGING. IN FIRST CONTACT WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR BLOT SAYS MINTOFF MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT WILLING SEPARATE POLITICAL FROM ECONOMIC PARTS OF PROBLEM, AS FRENCH HAD HOPED AND STRESSED THAT LATTER MUST HAVE PRIORITY IN THIS DISCUSSION. BLOT ASSUMES THESE ARE ONLY OPENING MOVES, BUT EMPHASIZES, MORE THAN BEFORE, THAT GOF WOULD NOW HAVE TO PROCEED WITH "EXTREME PRUDENCE."

2. ONLY HOPEFUL NOTE WAS MINTOFF'S FURTHER COMMENT THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION LETTING SOVIETS GET MIXED UP IN THIS AFFAIR.

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